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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE *et al.*

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with Nucleic Acids*

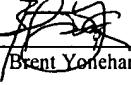
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Response mailed September 1, 2004. As this response is being filed on or prior to October 1, 2004, Applicants believe this response is timely filed. Although the Applicants do not believe any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-64411-2/RMS/RMK/SPL (468267-00067)).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.